of Government during the last three years.

(c) and (d) Since there has been no violation of rules as the vacational travel of Indian Airlines employees on the services of other international carriers is governed by IATA resolution, which does not bar relatives of employees like married daughter/ married sisters/grand parents and grand children, question of taking action against the employees does not arise.

Effect of Lack of Infrastructure facilities at Indian Ports on the Import *of Wood Chips.*

2576. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of wood chips and logs for paper mills has not become feasible due to the lack of infrastructural facilities at Indian ports: and

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken especially, in view of the need to augment the supply rawmaterial to paper mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement in the Adoption of Family Planning in Madhya Pradesh

2577. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a whether it is a fact that only six States have shown improvement in the adoption of all the four family planning-methods during 1987-88 if so, what are the names of more States;

(b) whether Madhya Pradesh is among the States which lag behind in contraceptive target; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what efforts are being made by Government to ensure that Madhya Pradesh adopts the four family planning methods during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh are the six major States which have shown an improvement in performance in all the four planning methods during 1987-88 as compared to 1986-87.

(b) Madhya Pradesh has not reached full targets in respect of sterilisations, I.U.D. Insertions and Conventional Contraceptive methods during 1987-88.

(c) The main reasons for low performance in Madhya Pradesh can be ascribed to the unique feature of sizeable and scattered tribal population of the State, lack of optimal utilisation of the existing facilities and lack of proper supervision. To ensure that the performance picks up in the State, constant vigil is being kept on the performance. Various meetings have been held to review the programme and areas requiring attention have been identified.

Conversion of Rupsa-Bangiripusi rail line into Broad Gauge

2578. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has decided to close the Rupsa-Bangiripusi narrow gauge line under the South-Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the Railway Board is reluctant to convert the narrow gauge line into Broad Gauge line?